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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Fresno – Man Accused of Plotting Terror Attack on SF’s Pier 39 Indicted

(U) The man who allegedly told undercover FBI agents he was planning an armed Christmas day attack on Pier 39 in San Francisco was indicted yesterday on charges of attempting to provide material support to ISIS and providing bomb-making information to an agent he believed was working for ISIS. Everitt Jameson, a military-trained sharpshooter, allegedly told agents he wanted to attack the pier on Christmas when it was filled with tourists, and was ready to die in the assault.

SOURCE: 4 January 2018, [San Francisco Gate](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Investigating Source of Deadly E Coli Outbreak

(U) Washington – The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said that 17 people in 13 states—including California—had been diagnosed with Shiga toxin-producing E. coli (STEC) O157:H7 infections. The pathotype is the one most commonly known in relation to foodborne outbreaks, according to the CDC. Five people have been hospitalized, including one who died, and two people developed a type of kidney failure. The CDC said illnesses were reported as early as 15 November.

SOURCE: 4 January 2018, [ABC News](#)

(U) District of Columbia - US State Department Designates Three al-Qa'ida Figures as Global Terrorists

(U) Washington - The State Department recently added three commanders from al-Qaida's branches in Yemen, Somalia, and North Africa to the US government's list of specially designated global terrorists. Al-Ghazali is a senior member of al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula who is involved in internal security and training of the group's operatives; Abukar Ali Adan is deputy leader of al-Shabaab; and Wanas al-Faqih is an al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb associate who planned the 18 March 2015 Bardo Museum attack in Tunisia that killed at least 20 people.

SOURCE: 4 January 2018, [Long War Journal](#), [US State Department](#)

(U) Montana - Man Sentenced in Major Drug Trafficking Case

(U) Helena – A man from Deer Lodge was sentenced on 3 January for conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, according to court documents. The man and his co-conspirators were convicted of distributing enough of the illegal drug to supply south central Montana with approximately 870,000 individual doses.

SOURCE: 4 January 2018, [Montana Standard](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Blast Hits Police in Afghan Capital Kabul, Dozens of Casualties

(U) Kabul – A suicide bomber detonated a suicide vest near a group of security personnel in the Afghan capital yesterday, causing 11 fatalities and 25 wounded. Police officers at the scene said the bomber had been wearing police or army uniform and had approached the group of security personnel who were

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conducting an operation against illegal drug and alcohol sellers, but there was no official confirmation. ISIS, through the Amaq news agency, claimed responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 4 January 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Brazil – Leader of Mexican Drug Cartel Arrested at Beach Resort

(U) Fortaleza – Police detained Jose Gonzalez Valencia, 42, a leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel (CJNG) on 3 January, with the intention of extraditing him to the United States. Gonzalez Valencia had been living in neighboring Bolivia for two years after fleeing Mexico, and had entered Brazil as a tourist using a Bolivian passport, according to authorities. Gonzalez Valencia's brother was also a CJNG leader captured in February 2015.

SOURCE: 4 January 2018, [Kapland Herald](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Mexico – Eight Cartel Members Arrested After Killing 16 People**

(U) Juarez – Eight Los Aztecas cartel members were apprehended by Mexican law enforcement officials in December 2017 in connection with 16 killings. The murders reportedly occurred in Juarez--just across the US/Mexican border from El Paso, Texas--during a three-month period beginning in October 2017. Five members admitted they were part of Los Aztecas and identified who their leader was, according to authorities. Using that information, investigators found three other supposed cartel members in a stolen vehicle. The men were arrested in possession of an assault rifle, handguns, extra magazines, and marijuana.

SOURCE: 4 January 2018, [San Antonio Express-News](#)

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